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June 20, 2012

Office of the FCC Secretary  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

USAC  
2000 L Street NW Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20036

RE: WC Docket No. 10-90

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached is our company's certification for the annual reporting requirements due July 2, 2012.

Soft copies were submitted to the FCC via the electronic comment filling system and to USAC via e-mail to [hcilings@usac.org](mailto:hcilings@usac.org).

If you have any questions please contact me at [sflanders@polartel.com](mailto:sflanders@polartel.com) or 701-284-4343.

Sincerely,

Shari Flanders  
CFO  
Polar Communications

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## **Annual Reporting Requirements pursuant to § 54.313(a)(2)-(6), (h)**

### **WC Docket No. 10-90**

#### **§ 54.313(a)(2) - Outage Reporting**

**X** My company was not required to collect this information for **North Dakota** in 2011.

**X** My company collected this information pursuant to the **Minnesota** state utility commission requirement.

A copy of the submitted report is attached.

#### **§ 54.313(a)(3) - Unfulfilled Service Requests**

**X** My company was not required to collect this information for **North Dakota** in 2011.

**X** My company collected this information pursuant to the **Minnesota** state utility commission requirement.

A copy of the submitted report is attached.

#### **§ 54.313(a)(4) - Customer Complaints per 1,000 Connections**

**X** My company was not required to collect this information for **North Dakota** in 2011.

**X** My company collected this information pursuant to the **Minnesota** state utility commission requirement.

A copy of the submitted report is attached.

#### **§ 54.313(a)(5) - Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules**

I certify that the reporting carrier is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules.

#### **§ 54.313(a)(6) - Ability to Function in Emergency Situations**

I certify that the reporting carrier can function in emergency situations as set forth in 47 CFR §54.202(a)(2). Specifically, the reporting carrier has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to re-route traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

#### **§ 54.313(h) - Local Rate Floor Data**

I certify that the reporting carrier receives or is projected to receive High Cost Support in 2012 and has no monthly residential rates (plus charges as defined) less than \$10.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the reporting carrier and to the best of my knowledge the information reported on this form is accurate. This certification is for the study area(s) listed below.

Company Name	State	Study Area Code
Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corp.	ND/MN	381630
Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corp.	ND/MN	381614
Wolverton Telephone Co.	ND	381509
Wolverton Telephone Co.	MN	361512
Polar Telcom Inc.	ND	389003



[Signature of Corporate Officer]

David L. Dunning

[Printed Name of Corporate Officer]

Date: 6/19/12

General Manager/CEO

[Title of Corporate Officer]

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Wolverton Telephone Co.  
Polar Telcom Inc.  
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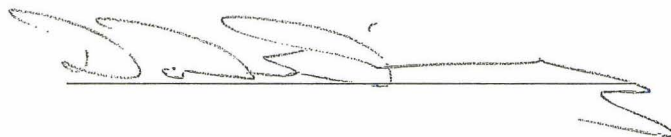
1. My name is David L. Dunning. I am employed by Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corp. ("Company") as its GM/CEO. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is provided to support the request of the Company for certification by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

2. During the year 2011, the Company received federal universal service support as shown on Exhibit A to the filing accompanying this Affidavit and had investments and expense relating to the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support was intended as also shown on Exhibit A. During the year 2011, the Company used the federal universal service support it received only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

3. The Company hereby also certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2013 for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

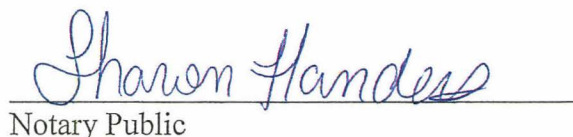
4. The Company also certifies that it is compliant with applicable rules on service quality and service provision in emergency situations, and that we do provide equal access to long distance carriers.

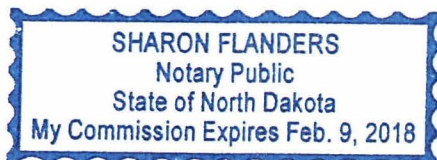
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA                )  
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COUNTY OF WALSH )

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of May, 2012

  
Notary Public



**BEFORE THE  
MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION**

Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation is seeking certification of eligibility from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") in order to be eligible for support from the federal Universal Service Fund.

The certification required for rural carriers to receive federal universal service support for all four quarters during calendar year 2013 is currently due to be filed with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") on or before October 1, 2012. The certification may be presented to these entities in the form of a letter from the State Commission. The letter must identify which carriers in the State are eligible to receive federal support during the 12-month period and must certify that the carriers listed will only use the support for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation is a rural incumbent telephone company that has previously been designated by this Commission as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Company provides local exchange telephone services, including all of the essential services that are included in the federal definition of universal service, to approximately 110 access lines within its established rural service area in Minnesota.

Based on the information in this filing, Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation requests that the Commission make the appropriate certification to the FCC and USAC.

Exhibit A provides details as to the expenditures that were incurred by Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation in 2011 and estimates of the expenditures for years

2012 and 2013 for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services supported by federal universal service. Consistent with the universal service principles set forth in the federal law and also the FCC orders, Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation will use federal universal support amounts received in 2012 to offset a portion of 2012 expenditures incurred as shown in Exhibit A. This use of federal universal service support will enable Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation to: (1) maintain rates for its local exchange services that are affordable and reasonably comparable to rates being charged for the same services in urban areas; and (2) to continue to upgrade its telecommunications facilities and equipment as necessary to meet evolving service requirements and maintain high quality service. Specific projects are listed on Attachment 1. The use of federal universal service support for these purposes is clearly consistent with the federal universal service principles.

In Docket P-999/M-05-741 the Commission ordered carriers seeking annual certification for universal service support to comply with the annual filing requirements adopted by the FCC in CC Docket 96-45, FCC 05-46 with the modifications that: (i) a report on a two-year service quality improvement plan is to be used instead of a five year plan; and (ii) information may be filed on a service area basis instead of a wire-center basis. The following information is provided in compliance with this requirement.

Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation's service quality improvement plan is to continue to upgrade its telecommunications facilities and equipment as necessary to meet evolving service requirements and maintain high quality service throughout Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation's service area. As an incumbent local carrier Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation upgrades and replaces facilities and equipment as necessary.

Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation has not provided maps as no changes to our service areas have been made during the current year. The existing maps are on file with the Department of Commerce and the Department of Administration.

Additional information required is provided as follows:

- During the year of 2011 there were no outages that required reporting to the FCC.
- Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation was able to provide service to all potential customers that requested service during 2011 and at December 31, 2011, we had no unfulfilled requests for service.
- The number of complaints of service quality per 1,000 handsets or lines for 2011 is estimated at less than 1.
- The attached affidavit contains the required certifications as they pertain to an incumbent local exchange carrier.
- Attachment 1 is a listing of the largest projects for the next two years.

Based on the foregoing information, the enclosed Exhibit A and the enclosed Affidavit, Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation requests that this Commission issue an appropriate certification to the FCC and USAC indicating that Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation is in compliance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and should receive all federal universal service support determined for distribution to the Company in 2013.

**Non-Public Document – Contains Trade Secret Data****Largest Five Projects Projected for 2012 and 2013**

Listed below are the five largest projects currently projected to be worked on during 2012 and 2013.

1. Fiber to the Home-St Vincent     \$300,000
2. CSA Maintenance-Robbin             \$2,500
3. Remove Pedestals-St Vincent       \$2,500
4. Remove Pedestals-Robbin           \$2,500
5. Replace Genset at Robbin Tower     \$2,500

**Compliance Progress Report on the Largest Five Projects Projected for 2011 and 2012**

Listed below are the five largest projects that were projected to be worked on during 2011 and 2012, and the status of each project as of May 1, 2012.

		<u>Percent Complete</u>
1. Fiber to the Home / St. Vincent	\$300,000	0%-Carryover
2. CSA Maintenance / Robbin	\$2,500	100%
3. Remove Pedestals / St. Vincent	\$2,500	0%-Carryover
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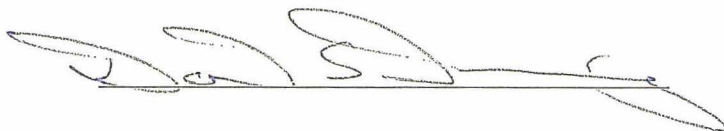
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Wolverton Telephone Company is a rural incumbent telephone company that has previously been designated by this Commission as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Company provides local exchange telephone services, including all of the essential services that are included in the federal definition of universal service, to approximately 150 access lines within its established rural service area in Minnesota.

Based on the information in this filing, Wolverton Telephone Company requests that the Commission make the appropriate certification to the FCC and USAC.

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1. Softswitch	\$52,020
2. FTTH to 74 Wolverton customers	\$259,000
3. Remove aerial cable and poles	\$2,500
4. Paint Wolverton CO	\$2,000
5. PED maintenance	\$1,250

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		<u>Percent Complete</u>
1. Fiber to Verizon cell site	\$5,000	100%
2. FTTH to 74 Wolverton customers	\$259,000	0%-Carryover
3. Remove aerial cable and poles	\$2,500	0%-Carryover
4. Paint Wolverton CO	\$2,000	0%-Carryover
5. PED maintenance	\$2,500	50%